

## Northern Posts Victories

by John Middalkauf

Opening up Mid-Penn Division III play, the Northern Boys Varsity Basketball team rolled up victories over Division rivals Camp Hill (64-48) and West Perry (54-44), before dropping a tough non-divisional game to Red Land (50-34).

Tuesday night (12/11), playing in front of an appreciative crowd and the usually supportive student rooting section, Northern used big free and three-point shooting to stop a very stubborn opponent in the Camp Hill Lions. Chris Fiehr led the attack against Camp Hill, as he scored 18 points and played a strong game off the boards. Chris also brought the "sixth man" to its collective feet when he scored for a "jump" in the fourth quarter. The Polar Bears also got considerable help from Bart Mehring with 14 points, and along with Joe Fox helped to control the rebounds for Northern.

For those of us who have been around this area for some time, and who can remember years gone by, know that this is not the same Camp Hill team of Charlie Kneib or Ed Haglund. But, it is also not like the team of last year, that could not win a game. These Lions scratched and clawed the entire game, but just could not sustain any momentum.

Just a note of information. As Texas A&M, the student rooting section has been so strong and vocal at Aggie games, that they are referred to as the "twelfth man." Northern's student rooting section, it is trying to be just as strong! Therefore, since a team only has five players on the court,

the rooting section becomes the "sixth man!"

On Friday (12/14), Northern traveled to West Perry and in a game that was to have dire consequences knocked off the not-so-revered by this reporter, Mustangs. This one was a tough, tough battle between two teams where weren't giving an inch. Senior center Joe Fox provided the scoring leadership as he hit for 17 points (11 from the foul line) and played a strong game off the boards. Northern got a lot of help from two unexpected sources. Todd Schaeffer and Ryan Silver. West Perry threw a tough defensive blanket around Chris Fiehr. Trailing the Mustangs by one at half-time, the Polar Bears played tough "D" until West Perry to few shots in the third quarter. In this quarter Ryan Silver scored all of his six points to fuel the Bear's charge.

In the fourth quarter, it was Todd Schaeffer's turn to provide the chemistry, as he hit for seven of his thirteen points for Northern.

The dire circumstances that Monday evening took place in the last quarter. Bart Mehring, who was to contribute 12 points in a winning cause, stole a West Perry pass and fired down the other end for a "jump." Unfortunately for the Bears, while Bart was in the air a West Perry defender fouled him by causing him to fall and land on his right arm—the result of that mishap were very short in coming.

Saturday night (12/15), the Bears took to the court against Red Land with Bart in street clothes, his arm or wrist area heavily wrapped. Final word has not been received by this reporter, but word is that the season is over for young Mr. Mehring. With that said, it was up to Chris Fiehr and Joe to provide the muscle underneath against the Patriots. This wasn't too late either, as Mr. Fox picked up three fouls in the first half, not out quite a bit, and then subsequently fouled out without scoring a point. Trailing Red Land by only two at the half, Northern just could not find any offensive punch the entire second half. The Bears would manage just 12 points compared to Red Land's 26. Chris Fiehr managed 12 hard earned points, but his supporting cast just could not find the mark.

The fact that Northern had played a tough game on Friday night and had to come back on this one, doesn't hold much water. Red Land also played Monday evening took place in the last quarter. Bart Mehring, who was to contribute 12 points in a winning cause, stole a West Perry pass and fired down the other end for a "jump." Unfortunately for the Bears, while Bart was in the air a West Perry defender fouled him by causing him to fall and land on his right arm—the result of that mishap were very short in coming.

## Lady Polar Bears Struggle

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Since the season opener tip-off tournament, Northern High's Girls Basketball Team has had its problems which have resulted in three losses this past week and a streak of four losses in a row.

Referring everyone pushes the "patience button," you must stop and really take a long look at what is happening and why. First, things first, let's take a look at the three games played and the results.

Tuesday afternoon (12/11) the Lady Bears traveled to Camp Hill to take on the rival Lady Lions and begin MPC Division III play. In a contest that can best be described as lopsided by both teams, Camp Hill prevailed 29-24. Neither team seemed able to

put the ball through the hoop. Gretchen Klaus finished with 12 hard-earned points, and was the only player from either team to score in double figures.

Friday afternoon (12/14), Northern hosted the pre-season pick for the Division III crown, the West Perry Mustangs. Showing why they are loved, the Lady Mustangs used a huge second quarter to propel them to victory, 35-33. Stung when the Lady Bears ended on tip 12-8 at the end of the first quarter, West Perry used runs of 24-8, 12-5, and 11-8 to put away the overmatched Lady Bears. Gretchen once again led the scoring for Northern with 17 points. But it did not receive much additional offensive support. On the other side, West Perry had three of its young ladies end up with double figures.

Playing a back to back game, Northern traveled to Red Land Saturday night (12/15), to take on the Lady Patriots and ended up on the short end of a 40-27 contest. Once again the Lady Bears could not find the offensive thrust to match the more experienced Red Land five! Northern managed 6 points in the last quarter, while the Lady Patriots were scoring 11 and 12 respectively. Gretchen Klaus once again led the puntless Lady Bears with 11 points.

Now we have brought you up to date with the scores of games involving the Northern girls this past week, now to pinpoint the reasons.

Grandstand coaches will not doubt have their own reasons or combination of reasons, and will of course have their own quick fix solution for the Lady Bears problems. But just for a moment, let's be realistic!

One look at the team roster should give you the biggest clue as to the problem. This team has just one senior! It is further composed of seven juniors, three sophomores and one freshman. Folks that is a young team, and while a young team, and you must not think that they are inexperienced. You can coach young players, offensive and defensive plans. You can coach confidence and experience. The only way you cannot coach these assets is by playing and learning from the mistakes.

The Lady Bears are learning. The last game, against Red Land, Northern did not play badly at all. In fact, Red Land coach Mike Munster thought the Lady Bears "passed the ball better against us than any other team we have played." It is a team that will get better in time. It is also a team that has had to face a tough schedule. After the tournament, the girls have faced teams that are genuine powers. That isn't the easiest way to learn. The schedule, at least this early, doesn't give the coaches a chance to teach or coach. They played Tuesday, could practice Wednesday and Thursday, played Friday and Saturday, and will play again Monday. These facts are not presented in "openness"? They are presented in the hope that all of us

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techniques for success in a free enterprise system." Prior to the breakfast, the DECA students sponsored a "Free Enterprise Essay Contest." The essay contest was presented to a group of business students at the high school. The winners of the contest, Julie Yinger and Michael Downer, were invited to attend the free enterprise breakfast along with their business teacher.

The free enterprise breakfast and essay contest are part of the many activities the DECA students are developing to enter for the state level of competition for the Distributive Education Clubs of America.



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